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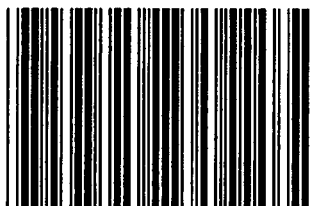
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STATEMENT BY
SENATOR MAX BAUCUS
AT THE DEDICATION
OF THE NEW OFFICES OF THE MONTANA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
BOZEMAN, MONTANA
JANUARY 11, 1980

(AFTER OFFERING ALL THE APPROPRIATE THANK YOUS AND AMENITIES, YOU CAN BEGIN WITH THIS QUOTE:)

PATRICK HENRY ONCE SAID THAT "I HAVE BUT ONE LAMP BY WHICH MY FEET ARE GUIDED, AND THAT IS THE LAMP OF EXPERIENCE. I KNOW OF NO WAY OF JUDGING THE FUTURE BY THE PAST."

YOU AND I ALL KNOW THE RECORD OF THE PAST IN ENERGY PRICES. TEN YEARS AGO, THE IDEA OF SOLAR ENERGY WAS A FOOLISH DREAM, LARGELY UNNECESSARY BECAUSE WE COULD HEAT OUR HOMES AND OFFICES WITH \$3 A BARREL CRUDE OIL.

BUT THOSE DAYS ARE LONG GONE, AND WE MUST LOOK TO NEW SOLUTIONS.

I AM REMINDED OF AN OLD SAYING BY TEDDY ROOSEVELT WHEN HE SAID THAT "IF A MAN IS WISE, HE WILL GLADLY DO THE THING THAT IS NEXT, WHEN THE TIME AND THE NEED COME TOGETHER, WITHOUT ASKING WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR HIM."

PERSONALLY, I BELIEVE THAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR US MORE SOLAR POWERED BUILDINGS SIMILAR TO THE ONE WE ARE CELEBRATING TODAY.

WE MAY NOT YET HAVE ACHIEVED A HIGH LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY IN HEATING OUR HOMES AND OFFICE BUILDINGS WITH SOLAR POWER, BUT AS THE OLD SAYING GOES, A THOUSAND MILE JOURNEY MUST BEGIN WITH A SINGLE STEP, AND THAT STEP IS BEING TAKEN HERE BY THE MONTANA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND ITS FORWARD THINKING LEADERS.

SINCE I HAVE BEEN IN CONGRESS I HAVE EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO EXPAND OUR ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA OF SOLAR ENERGY. WE ALL KNOW THAT OUR INCREASING DEPENDENCE UPON FOREIGN OIL IS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR TRADE DEFICIT AND IS A SEVERE THREAT TO OUR ECONOMIC WELL BEING. ACCORDINGLY, WE MUST REDOUBLE OUR EFFORTS TO FIND OTHER SOURCES OF ENERGY BESIDES FOSSIL FUELS.

SUNLIGHT IS SAFE. ITS SUPPLY IS NOT DECLINING. AND THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO USE IT -- FROM RELATIVELY SIMPLE HOT WATER HEATERS THAT ALL OF US SHOULD CONSIDER TO GIANT SOLAR SATELLITES COSTING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

IT WILL NOT BE EASY TO LAUNCH OURSELVES INTO EXPANDED USE OF SOLAR ENERGY. I KNOW IT WAS NOT AN EASY DECISION BY THE LEADERS OF MONTANA LIFE, BUT THESE DECISIONS MUST BE MADE.

I CAN'T HELP BUT RECALL IN THIS CONNECTION THE WORDS OF PRESIDENT HOOVER IN HIS LAST INAUGURAL ADDRESS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE GREAT DEPRESSION WHEN HE SAID THAT "OURS IS A LAND FILLED WITH MILLIONS OF HAPPY HOMES, BLESSED WITH COMFORT AND OPPORTUNITY. I HAVE NO FEAR FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY. IT IS BRIGHT WITH HOPE."

I BELIEVE THERE IS HOPE, AS WELL. BUT UNLIKE PRESIDENT HOOVER,
I THINK WE HAVE TO WORK FOR THAT HOPE AND NOT SIT BACK AND WAIT FOR
IT TO BECOME REALITY FOR US.